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SUBJECT: GUYANESE-SOVIET GOLD MINING PROTOCOL

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) ANNOUNCED ON MAY 18 THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL ON MAY 16 BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND GOG CONCERNING GOLD MINING AS WELL AS ALUMINA PRODUCTION(REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, DATA WILL BE COLLECTED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF COMMERCIAL MINING IN THE UPPER MAZARUNI AND UPPER KONAWARUK RIVER AREAS. THE PROTOCOL WAS A RESULT OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND GOG SIGNED IN GEORGETOWN IN JUNE, 1977.

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO GOG FIGURES APPROXIMATELY 11,900 UNCLASSIFIED

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OUNCES OF GOLD WERE MINED IN GUYANA DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1977. ABOUT ONE-HALF OF THIS PRODUCTION WAS IN THE MAZARUNI DISTRICT. THE INTERIOR OF GUYANA IS BELIEVED TO BE RICH IN A VARIETY OF MINERAL DEPOSITS, BUT THE SURVEYING AND EXPLOITATION OF THESE DEPOSITS HAS BEEN STYMIED IN PART BY THE LACK OF RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION IN THE INTERIOR.

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